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celebrate the thirty-two years of dedicated service that both Rabbi and Mrs. Sugarman have given the Shaarey Zedek community since 1967.

I have known Rabbi Sugarman for 26 of those years and for all that time, I have watched with great admiration the tireless and energetic work that he and his wife have given to Shaarey Zedek. Their efforts have made it the largest Orthodox congregation in the San Fernando Valley and the second largest in Los Angeles. The depth of their concern for their congregants and their love for humanity made the temple community into a warm and welcoming family. No matter how busy he was, Rabbi Sugarman's first priority was to provide help and spiritual guidance to the members of his synagogue. He is a much respected and much beloved figure in Los Angeles.

Throughout Rabbi Sugarman's distinguished 44-year rabbinical career, he has been a dedicated student of Judaism. He has delivered thousands of learned sermons on a plethora of topics and issues, but his discourses on morality, responsibility, and duty have been especially enlightening and instructive. His focus has been not only upon his synagogue or even his religion, but against the moral decline and decay in our society. He has spoken out forcefully and effectively on this important subject.

Rebbitzin Sugarman will be honored for her understanding, devotion, intellectual integrity, and spiritual sensitivity. Her unwavering support has added immeasurably to the strength of this remarkable couple. By her active involvement in the synagogue Sisterhood and the Shaarey Zedek community at large, she provided both inspiration and example to its members. In addition, she has distinguished herself in her chosen career as a clinical dietitian in the health-care field and as the Administrative Dietitian in the Kosher Kitchen of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

Among the greatest achievements of Rabbi and Rebbitzin Sugarman are the five outstanding children they raised in their 44 years of marriage and among the great pleasures they look forward to in retirement is time to spend with the many grandchildren who bring them enormous pride.

It is distinct pleasure to ask my colleagues to join with me in saluting Rabbi and Rebbitzin Sugarman for their dedicated service to the Jewish community of Southern California.

TRIBUTE TO JOSÉ AND MAGALY
ROHAIDY

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 15, 2000

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the deeds of two distinguished members of the Hispanic community and the community-at-large, José and Magaly Rohaidy of West New York, New Jersey, who are being feted today because of their many years of service and leadership. It is only fitting that we gathered here in their honor, for they epitomize care, generosity and professionalism.

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Both of these eminent community leaders are dedicated journalists, José has served his profession since he was a young man in Havana, Cuba. He was the director for "Radio Nacional" of Cuba. The time spent working with this organization instilled in José the attributes necessary for him to become a stellar force in the journalism community. José has been a reporter for El Diario-La Prensa for more than 30 years. In addition he has worked with Radio WADO for more than two decades.

Known for a questioning mind and an ability to get things done, Magaly Rohaidy has also had a distinguished career. She began in the textile industry in Cuba. In 1970 she founded Mini-Mundo Magazine and served as Director. She has also been a reporter for El Diario for more than 15 years.

José and Magaly Rohaidy both were born in Cuba, and have been blissfully married for more than 42 years. They have four children, Lourdes, Maria Magdalena, Gabriel and José Gabriel. They are blessed with six grandchildren.

This pair continually touches the lives of the people around them. José helped to organize the Puerto Rican Parades of Paterson and Trenton, the Hispanic American Parade of New Jersey, the Dominican Parade of New Jersey and the Peruvian Parade of New Jersey. In addition, he and his wife created the "Toys Gift" program for children at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Paterson, Barnert Hospital in Paterson, and the General Hospital of Passaic. As a public servant in New Jersey, Mr. Speaker, I can say that I can think of no people who work harder or care more about others than these two remarkable people. Perhaps the greatest tribute to José and Magaly are the numerous awards and accolades they have received.

José was the first Hispanic reporter to be given an honorary degree from Essex County College in Newark, New Jersey. The Martian Women Association of Union City proclaimed Magaly Rohaidy the Mother of the Year. This organization is named for José Martí, the National Hero of Cuba. Congress also honored her as "the Woman of the Americas," and the New Jersey State Assembly named her as one of the 13 most notable women in the Garden State. Furthermore, Magaly was the Grand Marshal representing the Hispanic Community at the inaugural Hispanic-Italian-American Parade of New Jersey in Paterson. Mrs. Rohaidy is also the recipient of the Key to the City of Paterson.

On a personal note, Mr. Speaker, as a Mayor, Assemblyman, and now as Congressman, I have been privileged to work with numerous outstanding individuals. José and Magaly Rohaidy fall into this category, as exhibited by the many achievements and awards detailed on this page. The best thing I can say about José and Magaly Rohaidy, however, is that I am proud to call them my good friends.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, José and Magaly's family, friends, the State of New Jersey and me in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable service to the community of José and Magaly Rohaidy.

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HONORING DNA CHAPTER 13 DURING
NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION WEEK

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 15, 2000

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the members of the Nashville Chapter of Delta Nu Alpha Transportation Fraternity during National Transportation Week, May 14–20, 2000.

Congress and President John F. Kennedy first proclaimed National Transportation Week in 1962. Since then, National Transportation Week has been observed every year during the week in which the third Friday falls in May. It is important to recognize the men and women who deliver the goods from our farms and factories to suppliers and buyers all across this great nation, not only during a given week in the year, but throughout the year as well.

While transportation affords us the opportunity for leisure travel, it has become an increasingly important issue for those of us who commute to and from work. While I have been supportive of efforts to widen and expand our interstates to minimize traffic congestion, I also believe we need to consider alternatives like bus service and commuter rail.

In keeping with the objectives of its international organization, Volunteer Chapter 135 has done an excellent job in creating awareness of transportation issues, promoting safety in the industry and enabling young people to continue their education through numerous scholarship programs. During National Transportation Week, the Volunteer Chapter includes public schools in their awareness program with poster and essay contests and equipment demonstrations.

I ask the House to join me in recognizing the transportation industry and its workers. To Nashville Chapter 135, I say, "Roll on!"

TRIBUTE TO JOHN D. MURPHY

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 15, 2000

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a kind and decent man who lived his life helping others, and lost his life helping others.

John D. Murphy coached youth basketball and volunteered in his community. He attended the Million Man March, as well as the protest in Tallahassee against Gov. Jeb Bush's One Florida Plan to dismantle our state's affirmative action program. He was always thinking of others.

On the way home from the One Florida march, he came upon a chain-reaction auto accident that killed two people and injured 24. Despite the pleadings of his sisters, John Murphy left his van and went to help the injured. He was killed when a tractor-trailer filled with lumber overturned and buried him on the highway.